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tember, during which time participants earn points toward the overall title. Gustin earned his undefeated season by beating individuals in his size and age group from states throughout the South, including Alabama, Arkansas, Florida Louisiana, Texas and Oklahoma.

This past year he was the sparring champion of the Sports Karate International (SKIL) and National Blackbelt League's "SLUGFEST" competition in New Orleans. He is a back-to-back champion at the SKIL/NBL Cajun Nationals, held in Baton Rouge, and placed first in both sparring and forms at the Panama City SKIL/NBL Tri-State Championships in 1999. That event included participants from Alabama, Georgia and Florida, and Donohoe beat competitors from throughout the Southeast there.

"I like the fighting part and the things that you can do out there," Donohoe said. "You just get better and better to the point where you're maxed out on whatever you can do.

"You can see just how good you can get."

Out of all his championship matches, Donohoe said his toughest bout was against one of the competitors at the METRO Championships. The athlete, who Donohoe said was the USKA Texas champion, took him to the last second of the match when Donohoe landed a winning blow to win the final point.

In the last five years, Donohoe said he has only lost five matches and hasn't lost in the last two years.

A dean's list senior at Pascagoula High School with a 3.5 grade-point average, Donohoe looks forward to attending Delta State University, where he intends to focus on an aeronautical degree and hopes to become a commercial pilot. He

said there is no prep outlet for his skills, but works out at the Koast Karate Klub, where he was instructed by Lynn Rouse, Hayward Butler and Danny Davis.

Indeed, Butler was a high school friend of Donohoe's father, Gus. It was Butler's influence that originally made Gustin interested in karate. He also attributes much of his success to his father, who kept him interested in the sport and urged his excellence within the discipline.

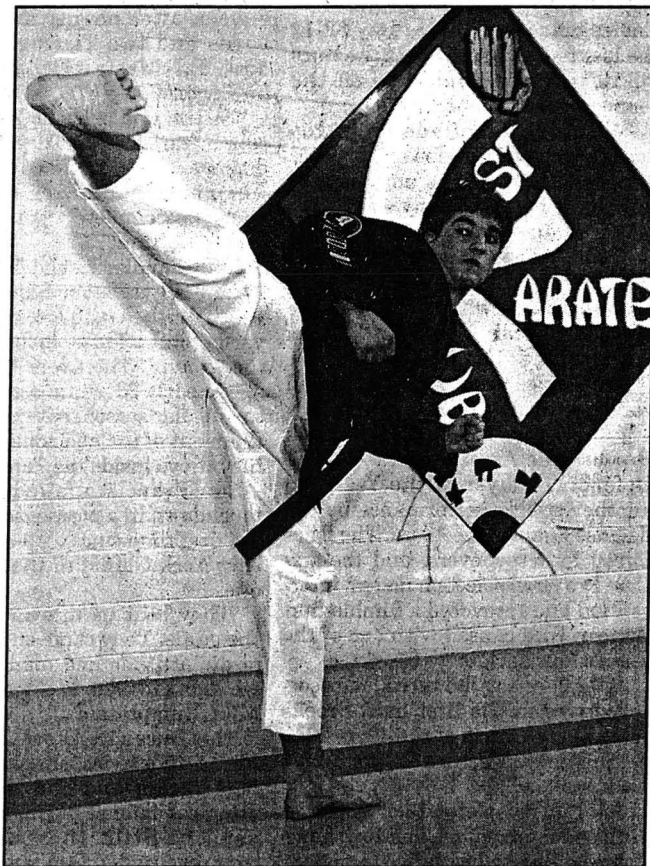
"He's good," Gus said of

Gustin. "I like it (karate) because it increases the attention span."

While he has also played baseball and football over the course of the last few years, karate is Gustin's passion and he expects to be competing in the discipline for many years to come.

"It's just one of those things that sticks with you," Donohoe said. "You may leave it for a month or so, but you come back to it just because it's something different to do.

"Plus, it's fun."



Chief Photographer R. Kelly Boyd

BAREFOOT IN THE DOJO — Local black belt Gustin Donohoe, who has been Mississippi state karate champion seven times in the last eight years, works on his technique at the Koast Karate Klub in Pascagoula. Donohoe is a senior at Pascagoula High School.

Donohoe chopped karate foes in 2002

■ Pascagoula
black belt goes
31-0 in competition

By GAYLON PARKER

Mississippi Press Staff

While most high school athletes participate in historically popular sports such as basketball, baseball and football, some young people take part in alternative sports. One of the alternatives to those typical athletic pursuits is karate, which drew the interest of Gustin Donohoe from an early age.

The 17-year-old Donohoe grasped the sport as an eight-year-old and hasn't kicked it yet, earning a number of state and regional accolades along the way. He earned his black belt in 2000, but before that he was a force in karate on a state and national scale.

"I just wanted to do something different," Donohoe said. "I wanted to be in a different sport from everybody else."

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ner-up —

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in that span, he also won the
MKA double state champi-
onships in forms and sparring.
Forms are judged based on the
precision of individual moves
within the discipline, while
sparring is a competition
between combatants through
which points are earned by
landed blows.
"Depending on what you get,
from first place, second place,
etc. you get points," Donohoe
said. "Whoever earns the most
points is the champion for that
division."
A dominant power on the cir-
cuit last year, Donohoe went
undefeated in all competitions
at 31-0. He won both the MKA
state championship and the
United States Karate Alliance
Mississippi state title. He also
beat the 2001-02 USKA World
and National Championship
biggest tournament, the
METRO regional championship
held in Clinton.
MKA's tournament season
includes six regional competi-
tions from March through Sep-

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2002

Union pioneer dies; 74

■ **Former pipefitter worked at Ingalls through 1978**

By **NATALIE CHAMBERS**
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PASCAGOULA — One of Jackson County's early union activists died Thursday.

Henry Earl Donohoe, 74, of Pascagoula was a former business agent for United Association AFL-CIO Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 436 in Pascagoula.

Upon discharge from the U.S. Navy, Donohoe moved to Jackson County in 1953. He found a job as a pipefitter at Ingalls Shipyard and worked for Litton Industries through

1978.

Donohoe was first elected chief steward and then elected business agent in 1960-66.

"During those years he was active throughout the state, along the Coast and in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama, getting people union jobs during the boon of the petroleum and chemical plants," said his son, Gus Donohoe of Pascagoula.

Henry Donohoe was a lifetime member of Veteran of Foreign Wars and American Legion.

"He was a great person," said Charles James, business

manager for Local 436.

"He was here way before I was involved in union stuff. He came here after he retired

and did our road work. He handled the people on the road, helping get them a job. He was a fine man. He was well thought of around here," he said.



Donohoe

Jerry Pitts, a former business manager of Local 436, said he met Donohoe in 1957 on union business.

"He did a very good job and was a good friend.

When I became business manager after he retired, he came back and worked with me a

year. He was a very good person and he loved people and he liked to help people," Pitts said.

"He brought the local from a very few members to a large membership. He was good in negotiations. He negotiated the first five-year contract ever negotiated at Ingalls, that was just prior to building of the West Bank facility.

"He also negotiated an apprenticeship contract that had never been negotiated before and it turned out today to still be a good contract," Pitts said.

He retired in 1991.

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Lawyers mull timing for Springs annexation

■ **Ocean Springs, D'Arbonne**
battle over

Although not officially appointed to are within three miles of the proposed annexation, they were automatically made